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# H. CON. RES. 5

Recognizing the severity of the issue of cervical health, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD submitted the following concurrent resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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for other purposes.

Whereas cervical cancer annually strikes an estimated 15,000  
women in the United States;

Whereas during an average woman's lifetime cervical cancer  
strikes one out of every 50 American women;

Whereas it is estimated that during this decade more than  
150,000 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer in  
the United States;

Whereas according to the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and  
End Results Program of the National Cancer Institute,  
when cervical cancer is detected at an early stage, the  
five-year survival rate is 91 percent;

Whereas cervical cancer is a preventable disease yet is one of  
the leading causes of death among American women;

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the mortality rate among American women with cervical cancer declined during the period 1960 through 1997, but now has begun to rise; and

Whereas cervical cancer survivors have shown tremendous courage and determination in the face of adversity: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3           (1) recognizes the severity of the issue of cer-  
4       vical health;

5           (2) calls on the United States as a whole to  
6       support both the individuals with cervical cancer as  
7       well as the family and loved ones of individuals with  
8       cervical cancer through public awareness and edu-  
9       cation; and

10          (3) calls on the people of the United States to  
11       take this opportunity to learn about cervical cancer  
12       and how they can lower their likelihood for develop-  
13       ing cervical cancer and ensure early detection.

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